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## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Which of South Carolina's largest cities has the lowest unemployment rate? Turn to [page 13](#) to find out.

Welcome back to Trends! We have a double issue for you today that covers data from the first two months of 2024. In case you haven't heard, April is Second Chance Month here at DEW and across the country. The best way to make sure someone with a criminal record doesn't reoffend is to help them find a stable job, and we partner with the Department of Corrections to help put that mission into practice. DEW is hosting hiring events all over the state this month to serve this population, and we also offer [tax credits](#) and a [bonding program](#) that offers financial support to businesses that hire these individuals. Please connect with [Amy Hill](#) here at DEW to learn more.

This month's featured article is an interview with Daniel Lyons, who serves as the Labor Supply Analyst on my team. As we've mentioned previously, last year's Act 67 requires the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development to produce a supply gap analysis that evaluates how well the credentials earned from South Carolina colleges and universities line up with the needs of our state's employers. We're in the final stages of putting that report together and hope to have a final published version available this summer. The numbers definitely raise some concerns, but also some opportunities, for South Carolina. Explore the work Daniel has done along with some of our preliminary findings. You're not going to want to miss this.

And remember, we are your resource for anything data.

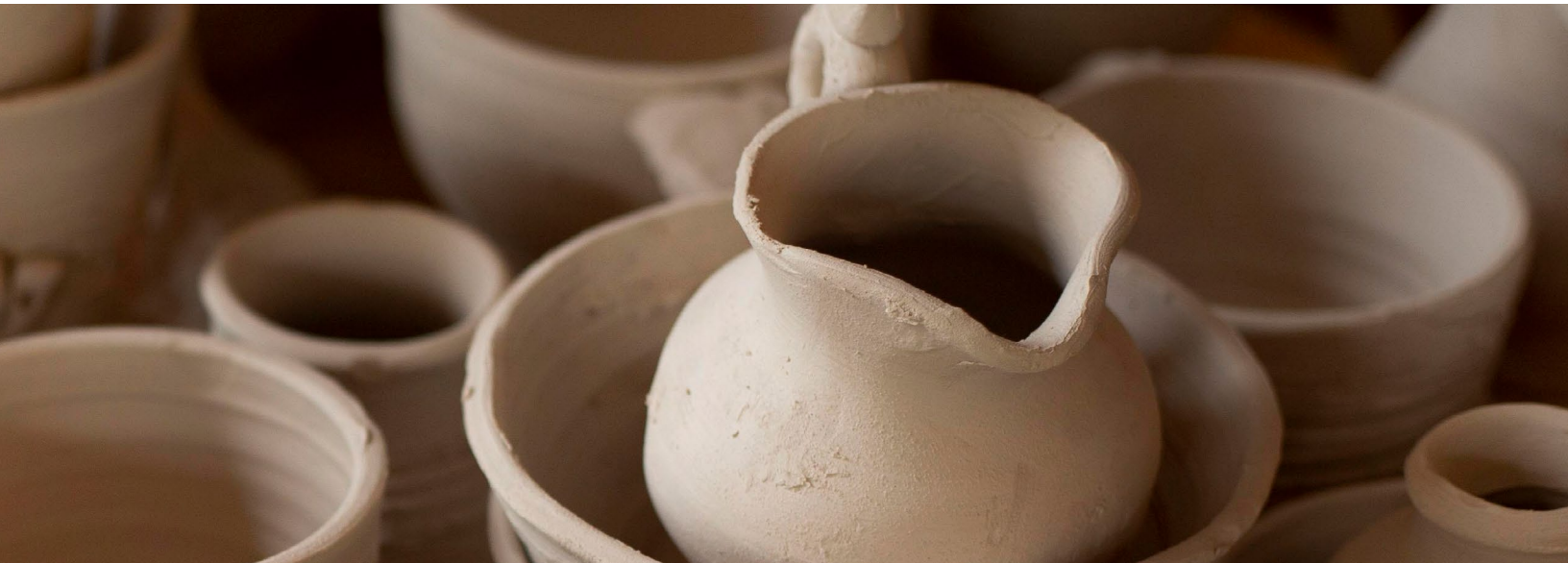
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Until next time!



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# STATEWIDE SUPPLY GAP ANALYSIS: INTERVIEW WITH LABOR SUPPLY ANALYST, DANIEL LYONS

**LMI spoke to Daniel Lyons, Labor Supply Analyst,  
primary author of the upcoming 2024 Statewide Supply Gap Analysis.**

*Hi Daniel, what can you tell us about your report?*

*"So, we've had numerous people in the education and industry community ask about some sort of account of positions and graduates and how to determine whether the South Carolina education system is meeting the needs of local employers. The Statewide Education and Workforce Act (Act 67) – which created my current position – requires the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development to produce a supply gap analysis as part of its Unified State Plan. That sort of mandate allowed me to go more in-depth, bring in more variables and provide a better model for joining these two different data sources. I'm sure, in this interview, we'll talk about some of the complications that are inherent in that.*

*But the overall idea is to compare annual graduates from the South Carolina higher education system to the specific openings that require educational credentials."*

**Who do you see as your audience?**

*"I hope lots of people will be interested. I would expect people in education, policymakers, people who are developing curriculums, and working on the programs and skills that we offer through our education system...also employers who are trying to decide whether South Carolina is a good fit and if our workforce matches what their needs are. Another example would also be students and student advisors who are there to help them understand what occupations are in demand in the state."*

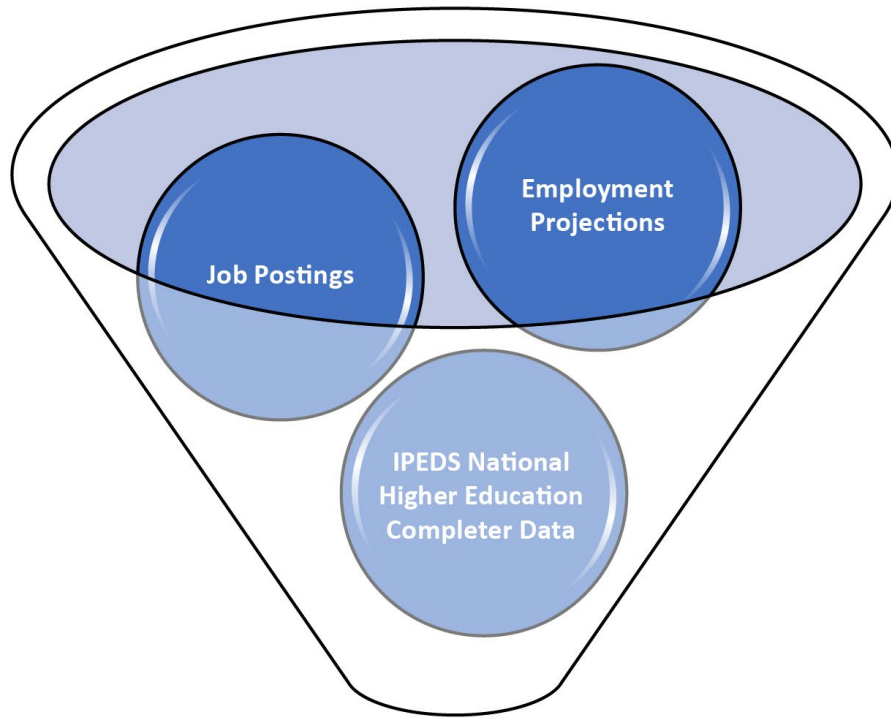
**Where did the data for this come from?**

*"The data came from two sources: one is the detailed employment projections data, which we get through Lightcast, a private contractor that provides it via a very clean method. And then also from the National Higher Education System. They have a national database of graduate totals that I used to get all the data for this project."*

**I know this is very statistically rigorous work, but could you give us a layman's explanation of your methodology?**

*"Sure, we have these two data sources, one of them is providing graduates by academic program and then we want to compare that to occupation-level data on the openings... so a lot of the methodology was getting that graduate data into that format so we can directly compare them. The methodology takes these academic programs, and we build the labor market model around people's preferences for more specialized and higher-paying occupations. Then we take those graduates and map them over to distribute them into occupations, sum all those graduates up at the occupation level to provide a comparable difference."*





**Method:** R analysis to distribute, analyze, and disaggregate data





**Can you share some of your major findings?**

"I think one of the most surprising things about this project is how reliant South Carolina is on workers coming in with high-demand educational credentials. The job growth in the state has reached a point where the higher education system isn't producing enough graduates to meet the openings. To be clear, not every occupation has a supply gap, but when the data is aggregated statewide, you'll see that there is a significant supply gap. Then, when you look at different career clusters, there's a supply gap in those aggregations too. If there's demand for workers with a higher education, we see a significant gap."

**Is there anything the analysis doesn't cover?**

"As I mentioned, this study looks at occupations that require some level of higher education. The scope of the report is confined to that—occupations that don't typically require a higher education are not covered by the report. It also doesn't include a specific type of graduate, which come from programs that naturally lead to occupations that are not thought to require higher post-secondary education, though the degree can still give them an advantage over other candidates. It's just not possible to map high school graduates onto careers like we do in this report."

**And there's a plan to do this annually, right?**

"That's currently our plan! This is the first one, so we had a lot of legwork going into developing it and figuring out exactly how we were going to execute this methodology, figure out our best data sources, and determining if there were other information out there. Now we hope to continue to do this going forward. Building it and improving it every year from now on."

**What changes do you see for future editions?**

"One of the biggest improvements that we can see that could possibly go into this is also through Act 67. So, starting this year, every employer in the state is required to submit occupational classification data for all their workers. We can combine that with education data and instead of modeling graduates to occupations, we can take the real-world career paths of the people in the state and use that for the basis for how we distribute graduates into occupations. That's a long way off, but it'll be great to have that clear data."

**When can interested readers look forward to the release of your report?**

"Even as we interview, I'm finalizing our internal draft which I hope will be the last or second-to-last iteration. Then, we just require some external feedback. So, I think you can look forward to it in the coming weeks!"

**Thank you, Daniel!**

**(Note: This interview has been edited for length and clarity.)**



# SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (FEBRUARY 2024)

## *Household Survey<sup>1</sup> (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)*

**EMPLOYMENT:** The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working decreased to 2,396,234.

- That is a decrease of 280 people over the January 2024 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 41,106 people over the February 2023 estimate.

**UNEMPLOYMENT:** The estimate of unemployed people increased to 76,434.

- That is an increase of 1,109 people from January's estimate and an increase of 3,437 from the February 2023 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 3.1 percent from January's estimate of 3.0 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate increased to 3.9 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.

**LABOR FORCE:** The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,472,668.

- That is an increase of 829 people over the January 2024 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 44,543 individuals over the February 2023 estimate.

## *Employer Survey<sup>2</sup> (Current Employment Statistics)*

### **NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED<sup>3</sup>)**

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 4,400 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,351,300.

- Industries reporting gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,000); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,500); Government (+1,300); Education and Health Services (+1,100); Other Services (+800); Manufacturing (+500); and Information (+100).
- The Professional and Business Services (-2,700); and Financial Activities (-200) industries declined.
- The Construction industry marked no change over the month.

From February 2023 to February 2024, South Carolina's economy saw an increase 67,600 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries making strong growth were Education and Health Services (+17,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+15,400); Professional and Business Services (+6,600); Government (+6,300); Other Services (+5,600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+5,500); Construction (+5,300); Manufacturing (+3,400); and Financial Activities (+3,200).
- Information (-1,100) declined.





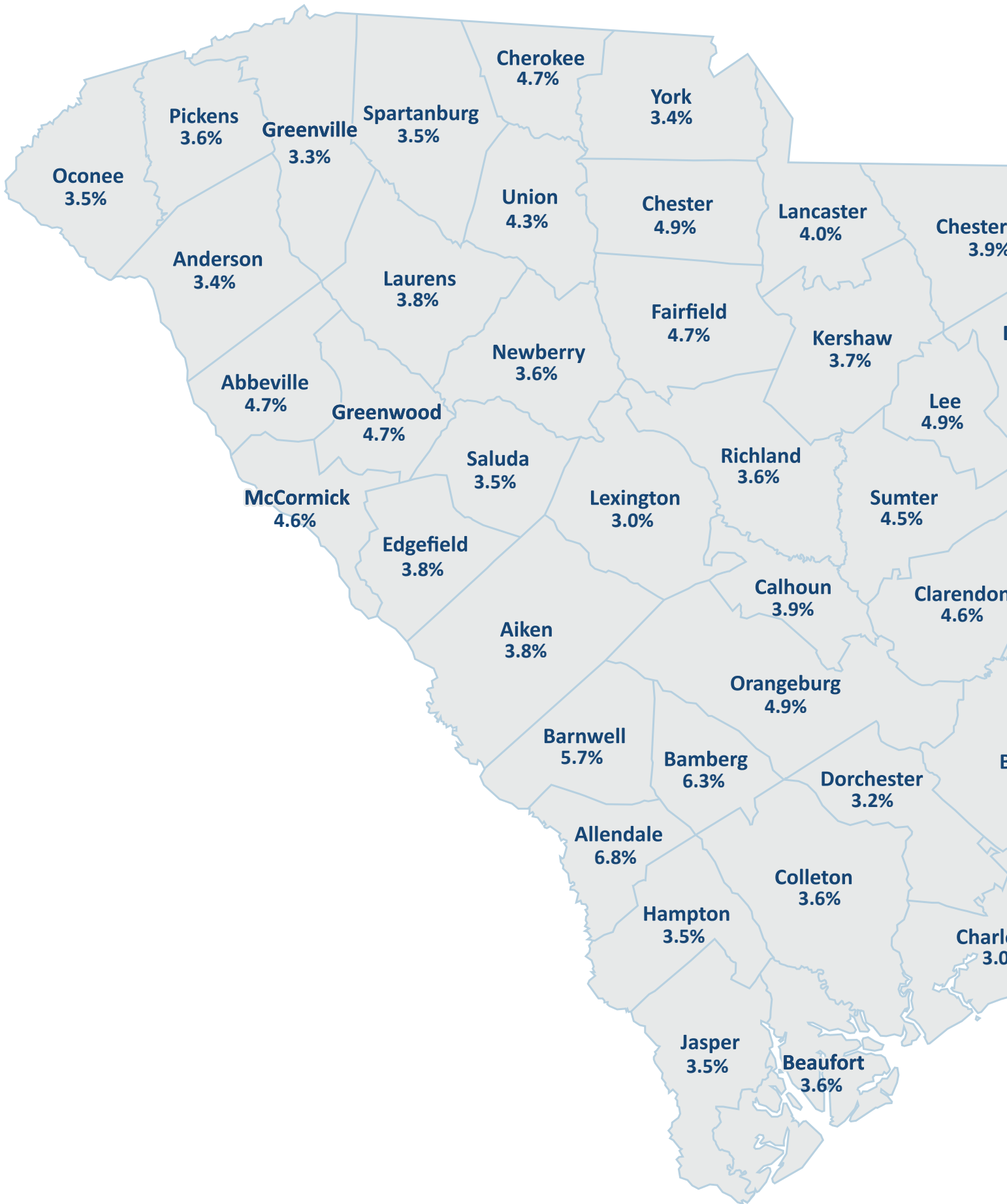
## NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED<sup>4</sup>)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 23,500 from January 2024 to February 2024 for a total of 2,337,600.

- Government (+7,700); Leisure and Hospitality (+5,000); Education and Health Services (+3,900); Professional and Business Services (+2,600); Trade Transportation and Utilities (+1,900); Other Services (+1,200); Manufacturing (+900); and Construction (+500) industries increased.
- The Financial Activities industry decreased (-200).
- The Mining and Logging and Information industries showed no change.

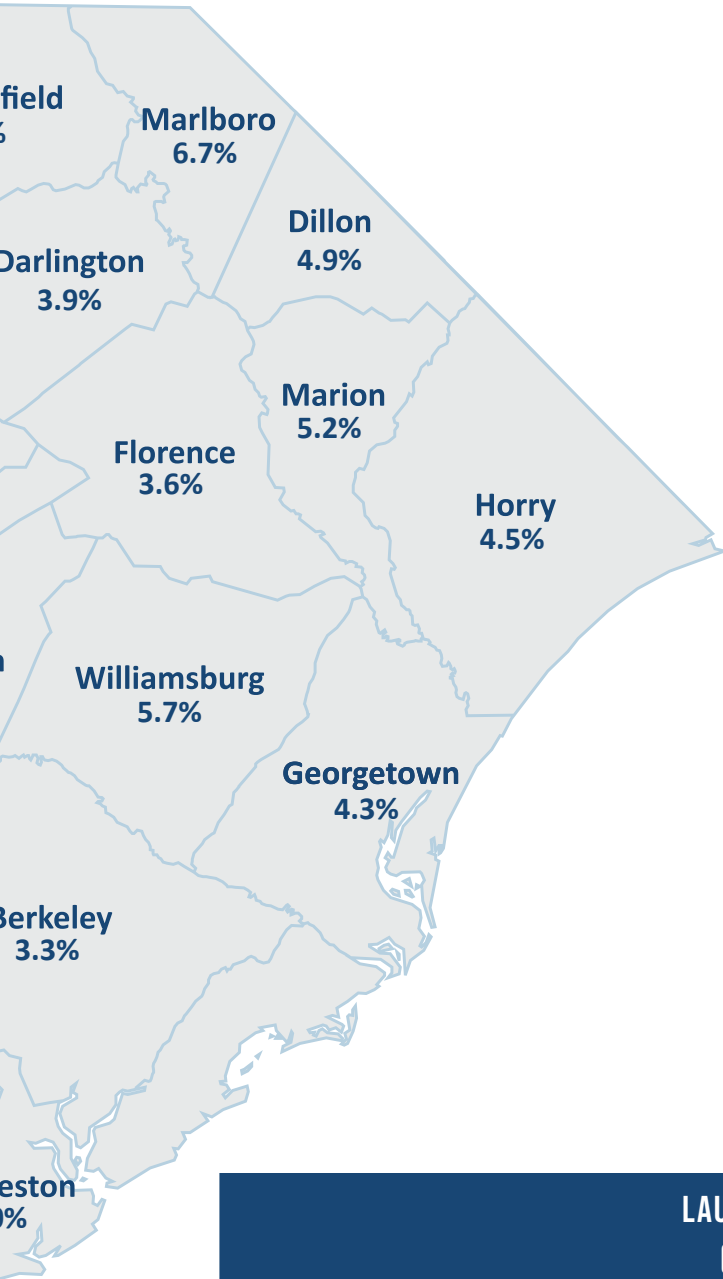
Since February 2023, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 66,300 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Educational and Health Services (+17,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+11,300); Professional and Business Services (+7,900); Government (+7,700); Construction (+6,000); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+5,700); Other Services (+5,700); Financial Activities (+3,400); Manufacturing (+2,700); and Mining and Logging (+100).
- The Information industry (-1,500) declined.



# LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

## Unemployment Rate by County



LAUS EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)						
CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE					
	TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT	
			TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	TOTAL	RATE (%)
4,332,006	2,472,668	57.1%	2,396,234	55.3%	76,434	3.1%

NOTE: Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision. Population data are not seasonally adjusted.





## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY COUNTY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

AREA	FEBRUARY 2024					JANUARY 2024				FEBRUARY 2023			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Abbeville County	↑	9,626	9,177	449	4.7%	9,548	9,171	377	3.9%	9,585	9,164	421	4.4%
Aiken County	↑	74,281	71,470	2,811	3.8%	73,621	71,111	2,510	3.4%	73,078	70,307	2,771	3.8%
Allendale County	↓	2,386	2,223	163	6.8%	2,288	2,130	158	6.9%	2,235	2,094	141	6.3%
Anderson County	↑	94,698	91,441	3,257	3.4%	94,179	91,235	2,944	3.1%	93,265	90,016	3,249	3.5%
Bamberg County	↑	4,689	4,393	296	6.3%	4,577	4,300	277	6.1%	4,559	4,296	263	5.8%
Barnwell County	↑	7,649	7,215	434	5.7%	7,564	7,148	416	5.5%	7,456	7,086	370	5.0%
Beaufort County	↑	80,744	77,808	2,936	3.6%	79,635	77,088	2,547	3.2%	76,965	74,046	2,919	3.8%
Berkeley County	↑	116,885	113,058	3,827	3.3%	116,239	112,806	3,433	3.0%	113,027	109,219	3,808	3.4%
Calhoun County	↑	6,730	6,465	265	3.9%	6,583	6,362	221	3.4%	6,435	6,175	260	4.0%
Charleston County	↑	229,805	222,952	6,853	3.0%	227,938	221,887	6,051	2.7%	221,941	214,980	6,961	3.1%
Cherokee County	↑	22,763	21,694	1,069	4.7%	22,632	21,602	1,030	4.6%	24,455	23,379	1,076	4.4%
Chester County	↑	13,793	13,120	673	4.9%	13,693	13,044	649	4.7%	13,488	12,860	628	4.7%
Chesterfield County	↑	21,532	20,700	832	3.9%	21,175	20,398	777	3.7%	21,148	20,342	806	3.8%
Clarendon County	↑	12,348	11,774	574	4.6%	12,050	11,522	528	4.4%	11,843	11,247	596	5.0%
Colleton County	↑	16,457	15,870	587	3.6%	16,248	15,720	528	3.2%	15,884	15,232	652	4.1%
Darlington County	↑	30,836	29,644	1,192	3.9%	30,581	29,458	1,123	3.7%	29,969	28,779	1,190	4.0%
Dillon County	↑	13,180	12,539	641	4.9%	12,901	12,284	617	4.8%	12,921	12,250	671	5.2%
Dorchester County	↑	84,839	82,143	2,696	3.2%	84,328	81,881	2,447	2.9%	81,922	79,295	2,627	3.2%
Edgefield County	↑	10,486	10,090	396	3.8%	10,244	9,894	350	3.4%	10,212	9,807	405	4.0%
Fairfield County	-	9,616	9,160	456	4.7%	9,507	9,064	443	4.7%	9,229	8,785	444	4.8%
Florence County	↑	68,299	65,823	2,476	3.6%	68,182	65,874	2,308	3.4%	66,676	64,263	2,413	3.6%
Georgetown County	↑	26,546	25,417	1,129	4.3%	26,025	25,008	1,017	3.9%	25,932	24,799	1,133	4.4%
Greenville County	↑	269,255	260,291	8,964	3.3%	268,123	260,006	8,117	3.0%	265,166	256,477	8,689	3.3%
Greenwood County	↑	30,315	28,883	1,432	4.7%	29,867	28,765	1,102	3.7%	30,036	28,772	1,264	4.2%
Hampton County	↑	8,274	7,985	289	3.5%	8,032	7,778	254	3.2%	7,840	7,560	280	3.6%
Horry County	-	159,097	151,876	7,221	4.5%	157,335	150,315	7,020	4.5%	151,805	144,559	7,246	4.8%
Jasper County	↑	14,010	13,515	495	3.5%	13,709	13,283	426	3.1%	13,248	12,796	452	3.4%
Kershaw County	↑	30,721	29,592	1,129	3.7%	30,318	29,307	1,011	3.3%	29,543	28,403	1,140	3.9%
Lancaster County	↑	44,966	43,165	1,801	4.0%	44,647	42,966	1,681	3.8%	44,120	42,338	1,782	4.0%
Laurens County	↑	31,220	30,029	1,191	3.8%	30,932	29,845	1,087	3.5%	30,668	29,465	1,203	3.9%
Lee County	↑	6,617	6,294	323	4.9%	6,491	6,204	287	4.4%	6,347	6,027	320	5.0%
Lexington County	↑	157,864	153,087	4,777	3.0%	156,409	152,173	4,236	2.7%	152,182	147,367	4,815	3.2%
Marion County	↑	12,802	12,133	669	5.2%	12,658	12,022	636	5.0%	12,581	11,890	691	5.5%
Marlboro County	↓	7,263	6,774	489	6.7%	7,278	6,769	509	7.0%	8,061	7,413	648	8.0%
McCormick County	↑	3,507	3,347	160	4.6%	3,468	3,334	134	3.9%	3,579	3,435	144	4.0%
Newberry County	↑	19,267	18,574	693	3.6%	18,689	18,035	654	3.5%	19,272	18,630	642	3.3%
Oconee County	↑	35,842	34,591	1,251	3.5%	35,373	34,266	1,107	3.1%	34,333	33,115	1,218	3.5%
Orangeburg County	-	33,678	32,015	1,663	4.9%	33,305	31,669	1,636	4.9%	32,983	31,284	1,699	5.2%
Pickens County	↑	60,048	57,908	2,140	3.6%	59,759	57,819	1,940	3.2%	59,138	57,034	2,104	3.6%
Richland County	↑	205,273	197,836	7,437	3.6%	204,766	197,805	6,961	3.4%	198,452	191,305	7,147	3.6%
Saluda County	↑	8,961	8,649	312	3.5%	8,493	8,228	265	3.1%	8,350	8,045	305	3.7%
Spartanburg County	↑	159,970	154,367	5,603	3.5%	159,649	154,543	5,106	3.2%	156,789	151,319	5,470	3.5%
Sumter County	↑	41,519	39,656	1,863	4.5%	41,345	39,594	1,751	4.2%	42,290	40,340	1,950	4.6%
Union County	↑	11,539	11,040	499	4.3%	11,514	11,041	473	4.1%	11,391	10,813	578	5.1%
Williamsburg County	↑	10,245	9,657	588	5.7%	10,158	9,597	561	5.5%	10,668	10,074	594	5.6%
York County	↑	152,473	147,239	5,234	3.4%	151,878	147,031	4,847	3.2%	149,938	144,797	5,141	3.4%

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Substate estimates are not seasonally adjusted and may diverge from state-level figures.

↑ Unemployment Rate Up  
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## LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MSA (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

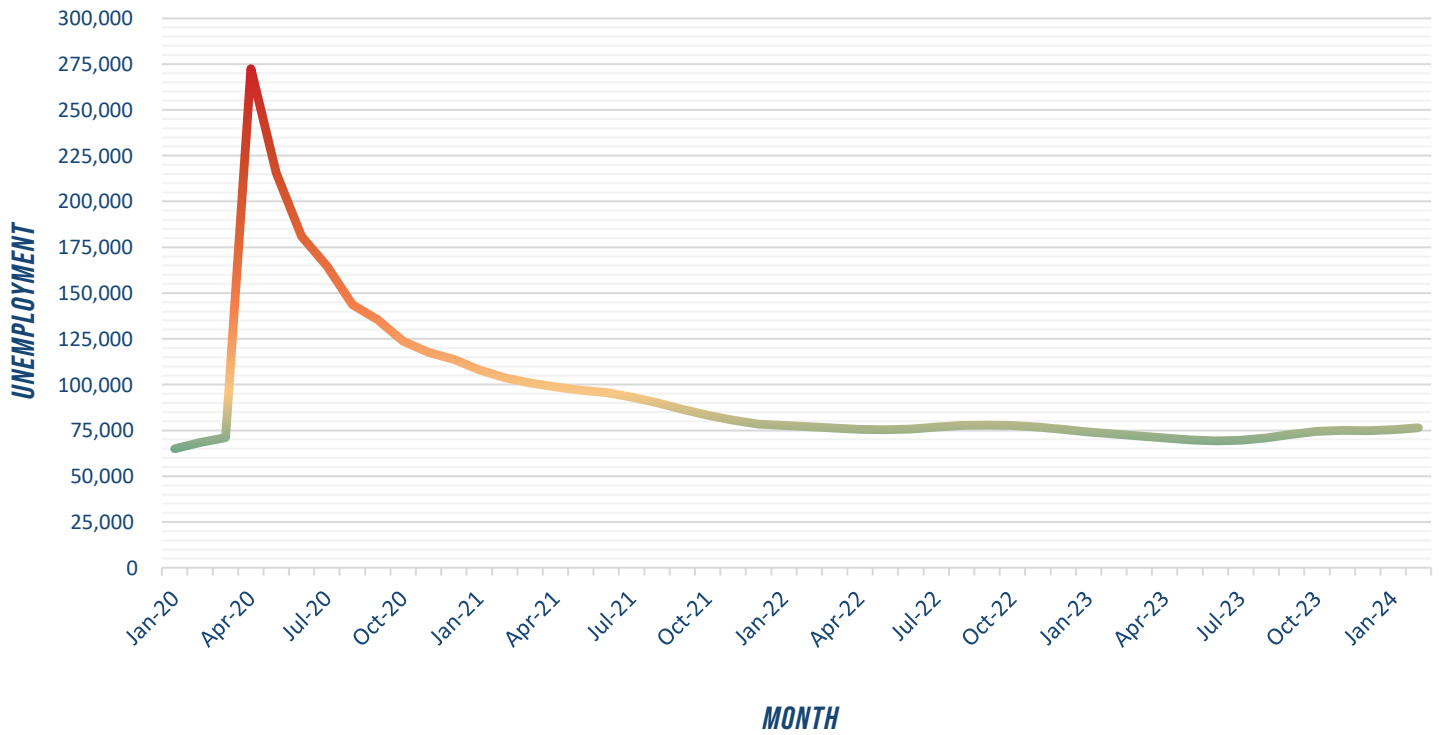
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	FEBRUARY 2024					JANUARY 2024					FEBRUARY 2023				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Charleston-North Charleston	↑	431,529	418,153	13,376	3.1%	428,505	416,574	11,931	2.8%	416,890	403,494	13,396	3.2%		
Columbia	↑	419,165	404,789	14,376	3.4%	416,076	402,939	13,137	3.2%	404,191	390,080	14,111	3.5%		
Florence	↑	99,135	95,467	3,668	3.7%	98,763	95,332	3,431	3.5%	96,645	93,042	3,603	3.7%		
Greenville - Anderson-Mauldin	↑	455,221	439,669	15,552	3.4%	452,993	438,905	14,088	3.1%	448,237	432,992	15,245	3.4%		
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort	↑	94,754	91,323	3,431	3.6%	93,344	90,371	2,973	3.2%	90,213	86,842	3,371	3.7%		
Myrtle Beach- Conway-North Myrtle Beach	-	218,201	208,123	10,078	4.6%	216,130	206,273	9,857	4.6%	208,494	198,459	10,035	4.8%		
Spartanburg	↑	171,509	165,407	6,102	3.6%	171,163	165,584	5,579	3.3%	168,180	162,132	6,048	3.6%		
Sumter	↑	41,519	39,656	1,863	4.5%	41,345	39,594	1,751	4.2%	42,290	40,340	1,950	4.6%		
Augusta-Richmond County, GA (SC portion)	↑	84,767	81,560	3,207	3.8%	83,865	81,005	2,860	3.4%	83,290	80,114	3,176	3.8%		
Charlotte-Con- cord-Gastonia, NC (SC portion)	↑	211,232	203,524	7,708	3.6%	210,218	203,041	7,177	3.4%	207,546	199,995	7,551	3.6%		

## LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MUNICIPALITY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

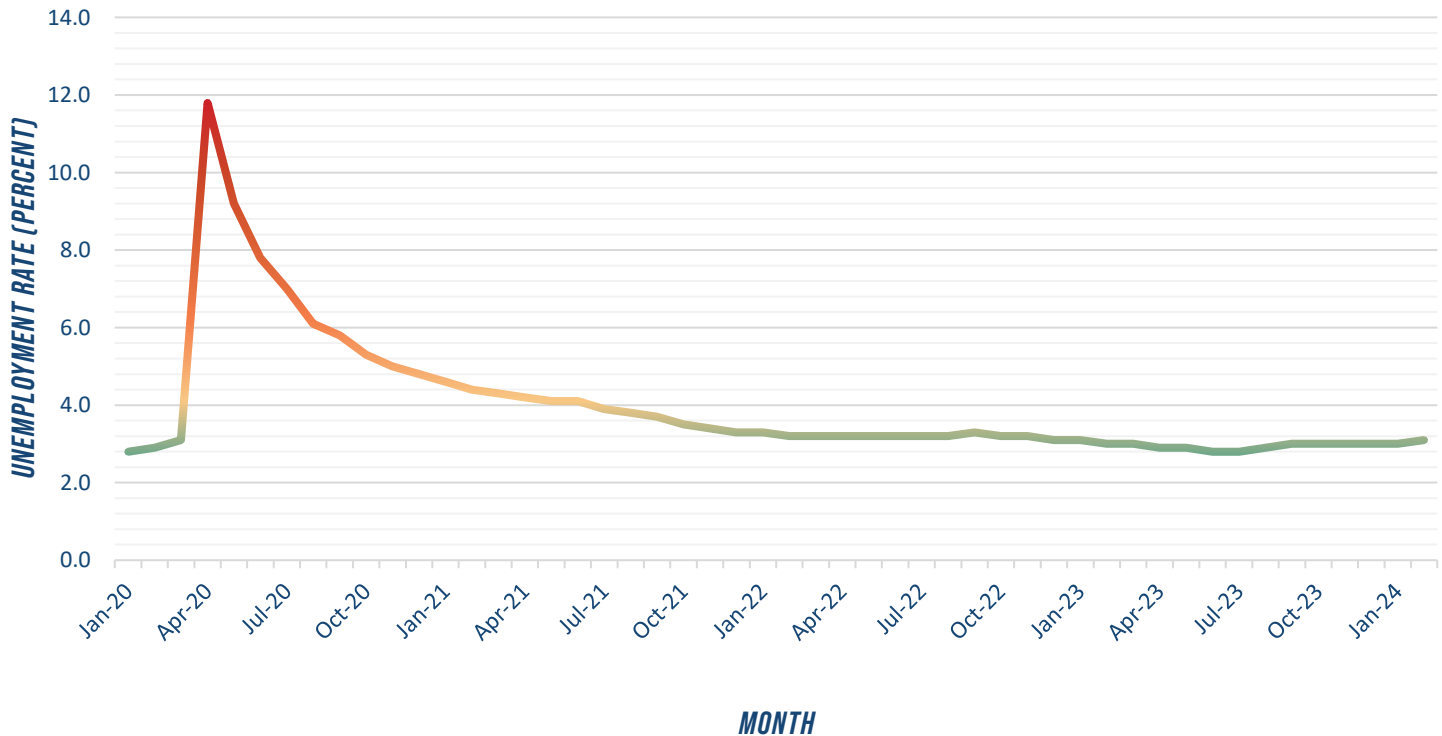
CITIES AND TOWNS ABOVE 25,000 POPULATION	FEBRUARY 2024					JANUARY 2024					FEBRUARY 2023				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Aiken	-	13,013	12,501	512	3.9%	12,938	12,439	499	3.9%	12,836	12,298	538	4.2%		
Anderson	↑	11,980	11,488	492	4.1%	11,938	11,462	476	4.0%	11,784	11,309	475	4.0%		
Bluffton	↑	13,709	13,276	433	3.2%	13,509	13,153	356	2.6%	13,040	12,634	406	3.1%		
Charleston	↑	81,092	78,648	2,444	3.0%	80,506	78,287	2,219	2.8%	78,398	75,846	2,552	3.3%		
Columbia	↑	59,510	57,084	2,426	4.1%	59,298	57,073	2,225	3.8%	57,604	55,199	2,405	4.2%		
Conway	↓	10,787	10,258	529	4.9%	10,684	10,153	531	5.0%	10,299	9,764	535	5.2%		
Florence	↑	20,093	19,356	737	3.7%	20,077	19,371	706	3.5%	19,606	18,897	709	3.6%		
Fort Mill	↑	13,710	13,274	436	3.2%	13,658	13,255	403	3.0%	13,447	13,054	393	2.9%		
Goose Creek	↑	22,161	21,421	740	3.3%	22,045	21,373	672	3.0%	21,420	20,694	726	3.4%		
Greenville	↑	38,576	37,270	1,306	3.4%	18,940	18,350	590	3.1%	37,973	36,724	1,249	3.3%		
Greer	↑	18,950	18,361	589	3.1%	15,356	14,999	357	2.3%	18,653	18,070	583	3.1%		
Hilton Head Island	↑	18,102	17,503	599	3.3%	17,889	17,341	548	3.1%	17,271	16,657	614	3.6%		
Mauldin	↑	14,278	13,829	449	3.1%	14,230	13,813	417	2.9%	14,080	13,626	454	3.2%		
Mount Pleasant	↑	54,258	52,816	1,442	2.7%	53,828	52,564	1,264	2.3%	52,353	50,928	1,425	2.7%		
Myrtle Beach	↓	16,621	15,766	855	5.1%	16,453	15,604	849	5.2%	15,866	15,006	860	5.4%		
North Augusta	↑	10,928	10,563	365	3.3%	10,822	10,510	312	2.9%	-	-	-	-		
North Charleston	↑	60,559	58,641	1,918	3.2%	60,087	58,382	1,705	2.8%	58,504	56,559	1,945	3.3%		
Rock Hill	↑	41,263	39,708	1,555	3.8%	41,117	39,652	1,465	3.6%	40,553	39,049	1,504	3.7%		
Simpsonville	↑	14,216	13,743	473	3.3%	27,080	26,283	797	2.9%	40,553	39,049	1,504	3.7%		
Spartanburg	↑	17,119	16,388	731	4.3%	17,098	16,407	691	4.0%	16,790	16,065	725	4.3%		
Summerville	↑	27,232	26,367	865	3.2%	27,080	26,283	797	2.9%	26,324	25,453	871	3.3%		
Sumter	↑	14,858	14,121	737	5.0%	14,811	14,099	712	4.8%	15,130	14,365	765	5.1%		

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Substate estimates are not seasonally adjusted and may diverge from state-level figures.

## MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT SINCE JANUARY 2020

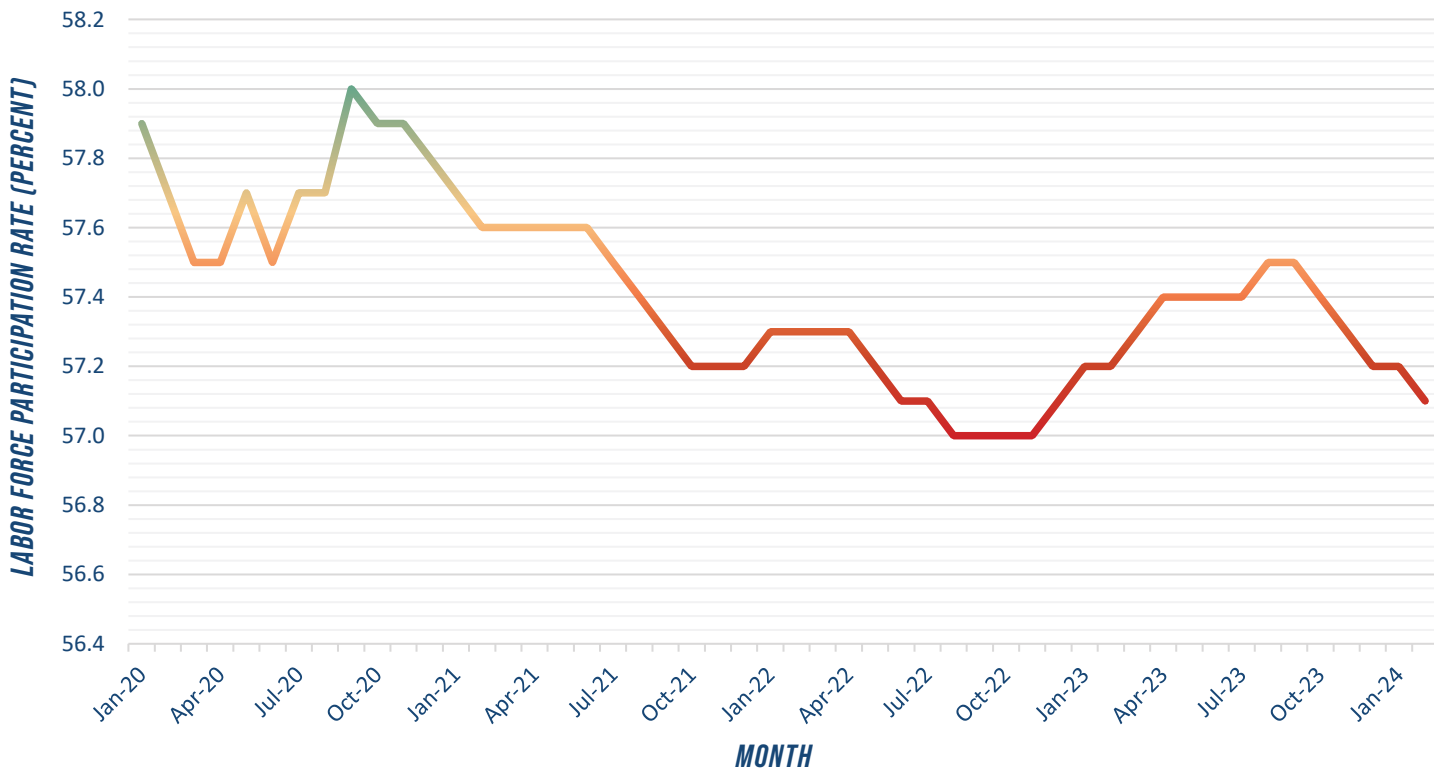


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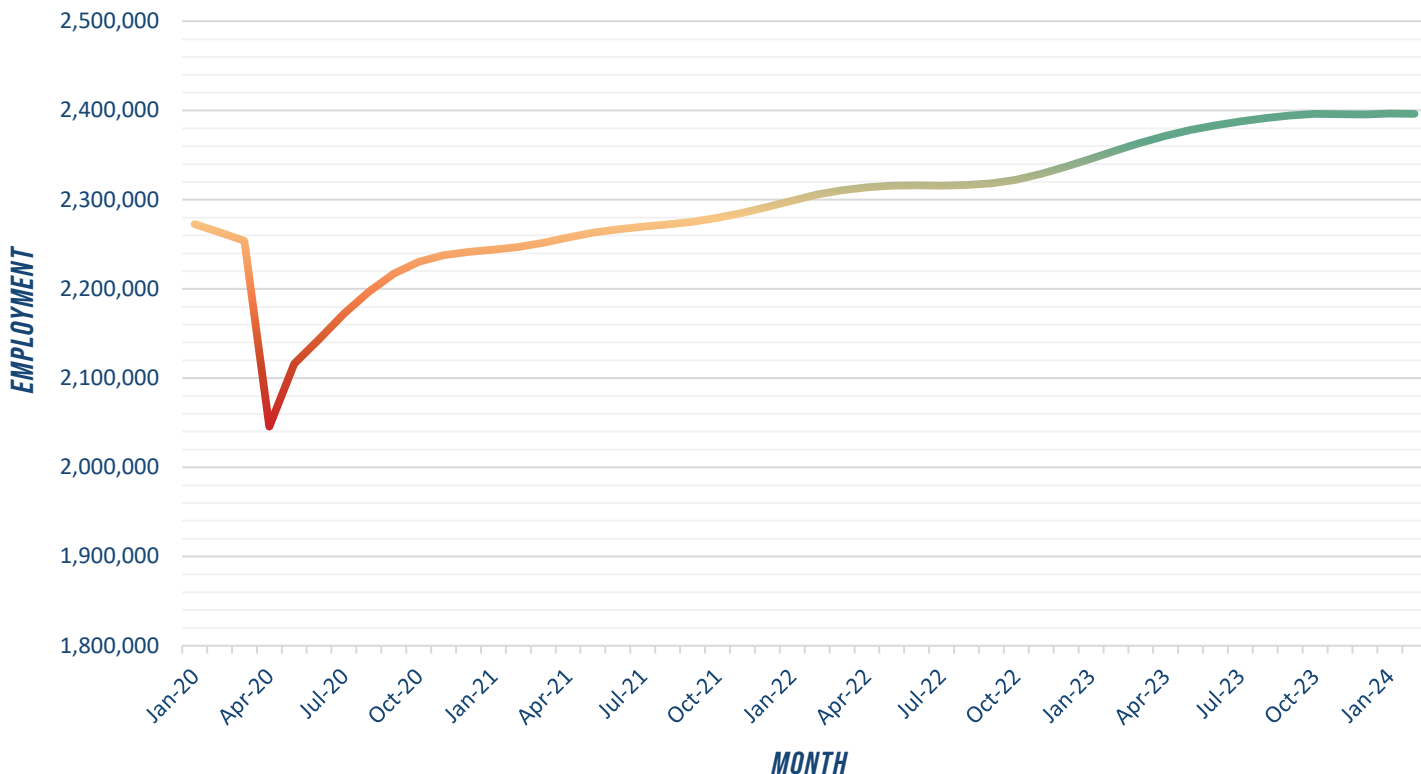




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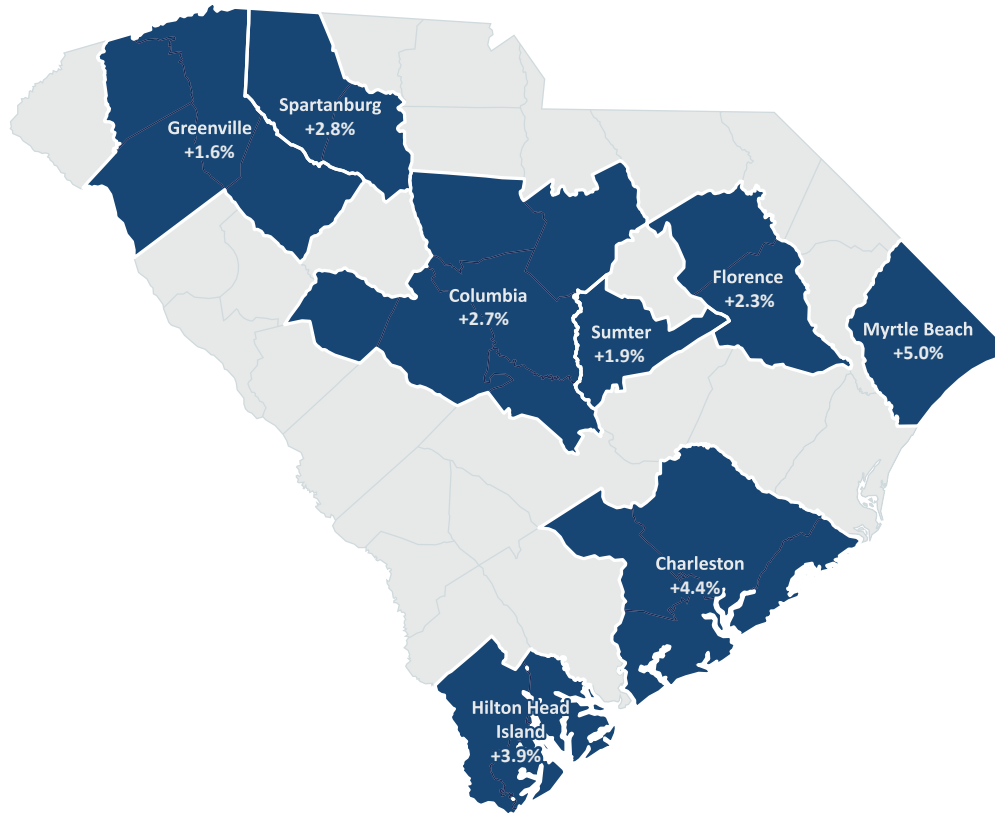


## MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT SINCE JANUARY 2020



# CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

## Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change



### NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FEBRUARY 2024

AREA	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,351,300</b>	<b>2,346,900</b>	<b>2,283,700</b>	<b>+4,400</b>	<b>+0.2%</b>	<b>+67,600</b>	<b>+3.0%</b>
Charleston-North Charleston	424,700	422,800	406,800	+1,900	+0.4%	+17,900	+4.4%
Columbia	431,600	431,200	420,400	+400	+0.1%	+11,200	+2.7%
Florence	97,000	96,800	94,800	+200	+0.2%	+2,200	+2.3%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	464,400	465,000	457,100	-600	-0.1%	+7,300	+1.6%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,000	90,800	87,600	+200	+0.2%	+3,400	+3.9%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	199,200	198,500	189,800	+700	+0.4%	+9,400	+5.0%
Spartanburg	173,800	173,600	169,100	+200	+0.1%	+4,700	+2.8%
Sumter	38,500	38,400	37,800	+100	+0.3%	+700	+1.9%

**NOTE:** Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

## NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (IN THOUSANDS)

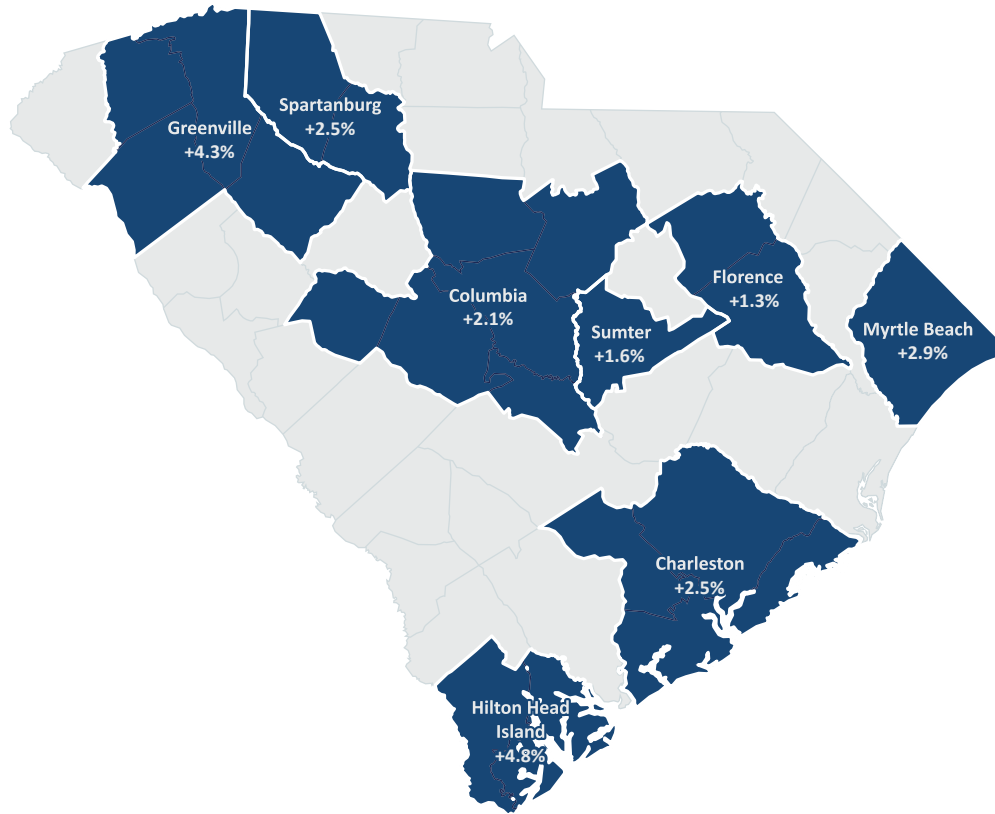
*FEBRUARY 2024*

	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>2,351.3</b>	<b>2,346.9</b>	<b>2,283.7</b>	<b>+4.4</b>	<b>+0.2%</b>	<b>+67.6</b>	<b>+3.0%</b>
Total Private	1,974.4	1,971.3	1,913.1	+3.1	+0.2%	+61.3	+3.2%
Goods Producing	386.8	386.3	378.1	+0.5	+0.1%	+8.7	+2.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	120.5	120.5	115.2	0.0	0.0%	+5.3	+4.6%
Mining and Logging	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Construction	116.0	116.0	110.7	0.0	0.0%	+5.3	+4.8%
Manufacturing	266.3	265.8	262.9	+0.5	+0.2%	+3.4	+1.3%
Durable Goods	163.2	162.5	158.9	+0.7	+0.4%	+4.3	+2.7%
Non-Durable Goods	103.1	103.3	104.0	-0.2	-0.2%	-0.9	-0.9%
Service-Providing	1,964.5	1,960.6	1,905.6	+3.9	+0.2%	+58.9	+3.1%
Private Service Providing	1,587.6	1,585.0	1,535.0	+2.6	+0.2%	+52.6	+3.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	445.0	443.0	439.5	+2.0	+0.5%	+5.5	+1.3%
Wholesale Trade	83.4	83.7	81.5	-0.3	-0.4%	+1.9	+2.3%
Retail Trade	267.2	265.9	263.8	+1.3	+0.5%	+3.4	+1.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	94.4	93.4	94.2	+1.0	+1.1%	+0.2	+0.2%
Information	28.7	28.6	29.8	+0.1	+0.3%	-1.1	-3.7%
Financial Activities	123.6	123.8	120.4	-0.2	-0.2%	+3.2	+2.7%
Finance and Insurance	87.8	87.9	86.2	-0.1	-0.1%	+1.6	+1.9%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35.8	35.9	34.2	-0.1	-0.3%	+1.6	+4.7%
Professional and Business Services	315.5	318.2	308.9	-2.7	-0.8%	+6.6	+2.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	132.5	132.2	126.0	+0.3	+0.2%	+6.5	+5.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	24.8	24.7	23.7	+0.1	+0.4%	+1.1	+4.6%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	158.2	161.3	159.2	-3.1	-1.9%	-1.0	-0.6%
Education and Health Services	292.9	291.8	275.5	+1.1	+0.4%	+17.4	+6.3%
Educational Services	47.8	47.8	46.9	0.0	0.0%	+0.9	+1.9%
Health Care Services	245.1	244.0	228.6	+1.1	+0.5%	+16.5	+7.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	291.2	289.7	275.8	+1.5	+0.5%	+15.4	+5.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	38.0	37.4	34.8	+0.6	+1.6%	+3.2	+9.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	253.2	252.3	241.0	+0.9	+0.4%	+12.2	+5.1%
Other Services	90.7	89.9	85.1	+0.8	+0.9%	+5.6	+6.6%
Government	376.9	375.6	370.6	+1.3	+0.3%	+6.3	+1.7%
Federal Government	37.3	37.1	36.0	+0.2	+0.5%	+1.3	+3.6%
State Government	108.2	108.7	108.6	-0.5	-0.5%	-0.4	-0.4%
Local Government	231.4	229.8	226.0	+1.6	+0.7%	+5.4	+2.4%



# CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

*Not Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change*



## NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FEBRUARY 2024

AREA	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>421,700</b>	<b>416,700</b>	<b>404,300</b>	<b>+5,000</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>	<b>+17,400</b>	<b>+4.3%</b>
Charleston-North Charleston	430,400	427,100	419,700	+3,300	+0.8%	+10,700	+2.5%
Columbia	96,500	96,300	94,500	+200	+0.2%	+2,000	+2.1%
Florence	463,300	459,600	457,400	+3,700	+0.8%	+5,900	+1.3%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	89,500	88,700	85,800	+800	+0.9%	+3,700	+4.3%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	192,700	189,900	183,800	+2,800	+1.5%	+8,900	+4.8%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	2,337,600	2,314,100	2,271,300	+23,500	+1.0%	+66,300	+2.9%
Spartanburg	173,400	172,400	169,200	+1,000	+0.6%	+4,200	+2.5%
Sumter	38,400	38,200	37,800	+200	+0.5%	+600	+1.6%

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## NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FEBRUARY 2024

				JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>2,337,600</b>	<b>2,314,100</b>	<b>2,271,300</b>	<b>+23,500</b>	<b>+1.0%</b>	<b>+66,300</b>	<b>+2.9%</b>
Total Private	1,957,700	1,941,900	1,899,100	+15,800	+0.8%	+58,600	+3.1%
Goods Producing	386,600	385,200	377,800	+1,400	+0.4%	+8,800	+2.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	120,300	119,800	114,200	+500	+0.4%	+6,100	+5.3%
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	0.0%	+100	+2.3%
Construction	115,800	115,300	109,800	+500	+0.4%	+6,000	+5.5%
Construction of Buildings	28,600	28,500	26,800	+100	+0.4%	+1,800	+6.7%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	17,900	17,700	16,800	+200	+1.1%	+1,100	+6.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	69,300	69,100	66,200	+200	+0.3%	+3,100	+4.7%
Manufacturing	266,300	265,400	263,600	+900	+0.3%	+2,700	+1.0%
Durable Goods	163,200	162,100	159,200	+1,100	+0.7%	+4,000	+2.5%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	24,700	24,500	24,100	+200	+0.8%	+600	+2.5%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	53,000	52,700	51,200	+300	+0.6%	+1,800	+3.5%
Non-Durable Goods	103,100	103,300	104,400	-200	-0.2%	-1,300	-1.2%
Textile Mills	11,400	11,400	11,900	0	0.0%	-500	-4.2%
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	26,300	26,200	25,900	+100	+0.4%	+400	+1.5%
Service-Providing	1,951,000	1,928,900	1,893,500	+22,100	+1.1%	+57,500	+3.0%
Private Service Providing	1,571,100	1,556,700	1,521,300	+14,400	+0.9%	+49,800	+3.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	441,400	439,500	435,700	+1,900	+0.4%	+5,700	+1.3%
Wholesale Trade	81,900	82,700	81,400	-800	-1.0%	+500	+0.6%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	43,400	43,900	43,100	-500	-1.1%	+300	+0.7%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	23,200	23,500	23,300	-300	-1.3%	-100	-0.4%
Retail Trade	265,200	263,300	261,100	+1,900	+0.7%	+4,100	+1.6%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	34,500	34,300	33,900	+200	+0.6%	+600	+1.8%
Food and Beverage Stores	54,500	54,000	52,700	+500	+0.9%	+1,800	+3.4%
Health and Personal Care Stores	15,800	15,800	16,400	0	0.0%	-600	-3.7%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	17,700	18,100	17,000	-400	-2.2%	+700	+4.1%
General Merchandise Stores	60,400	60,800	59,200	-400	-0.7%	+1,200	+2.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	94,300	93,500	93,200	+800	+0.9%	+1,100	+1.2%
Utilities	11,300	11,200	11,200	+100	+0.9%	+100	+0.9%
Transportation and Warehousing	83,000	82,300	82,000	+700	+0.9%	+1,000	+1.2%
Information	28,400	28,400	29,900	0	0.0%	-1,500	-5.0%
Financial Activities	122,700	122,900	119,300	-200	-0.2%	+3,400	+2.8%
Finance and Insurance	87,700	88,000	86,300	-300	-0.3%	+1,400	+1.6%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities	36,900	37,000	37,600	-100	-0.3%	-700	-1.9%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35,000	34,900	33,000	+100	+0.3%	+2,000	+6.1%
Professional and Business Services	316,900	314,300	309,000	+2,600	+0.8%	+7,900	+2.6%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	133,700	132,100	127,100	+1,600	+1.2%	+6,600	+5.2%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	23,700	23,700	22,900	0	0.0%	+800	+3.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	24,700	24,600	23,500	+100	+0.4%	+1,200	+5.1%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	158,500	157,600	158,400	+900	+0.6%	+100	+0.1%
Administrative and Support Services	145,900	145,100	146,100	+800	+0.6%	-200	-0.1%
Employment Services	68,100	67,500	68,100	+600	+0.9%	0	0.0%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	35,100	34,700	34,100	+400	+1.2%	+1,000	+2.9%
Education and Health Services	294,000	290,100	276,700	+3,900	+1.3%	+17,300	+6.3%
Educational Services	49,600	47,500	48,200	+2,100	+4.4%	+1,400	+2.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	244,400	242,600	228,500	+1,800	+0.7%	+15,900	+7.0%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	117,500	116,700	109,100	+800	+0.7%	+8,400	+7.7%
Hospitals	42,000	41,800	38,800	+200	+0.5%	+3,200	+8.2%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	42,800	42,000	40,700	+800	+1.9%	+2,100	+5.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	277,100	272,100	265,800	+5,000	+1.8%	+11,300	+4.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	35,800	34,500	31,800	+1,300	+3.8%	+4,000	+12.6%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	28,600	28,100	25,100	+500	+1.8%	+3,500	+13.9%
Accommodation and Food Services	241,300	237,600	234,000	+3,700	+1.6%	+7,300	+3.1%
Accommodation	31,200	30,800	31,200	+400	+1.3%	0	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	210,100	206,800	202,800	+3,300	+1.6%	+7,300	+3.6%
Other Services	90,600	89,400	84,900	+1,200	+1.3%	+5,700	+6.7%
Repair and Maintenance	26,200	25,700	24,100	+500	+1.9%	+2,100	+8.7%
Personal and Laundry Services	21,100	20,900	20,500	+200	+1.0%	+600	+2.9%
Government	379,900	372,200	372,200	+7,700	+2.1%	+7,700	+2.1%
Federal Government	37,300	37,100	36,000	+200	+0.5%	+1,300	+3.6%
State Government	110,800	105,400	109,700	+5,400	+5.1%	+1,100	+1.0%
State Government Educational Services	50,500	46,100	52,400	+4,400	+9.5%	-1,900	-3.6%
State Government Excluding Education	60,300	59,300	57,300	+1,000	+1.7%	+3,000	+5.2%
Local Government	231,800	229,700	226,500	+2,100	+0.9%	+5,300	+2.3%
Local Government Educational Services	113,400	112,700	110,700	+700	+0.6%	+2,700	+2.4%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	118,400	117,000	115,800	+1,400	+1.2%	+2,600	+2.2%

## TOTAL PRIVATE NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY MSA

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

AREA	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$1,088.17	\$1,088.91	\$1,083.11	-\$0.74	-0.1%	+\$5.06	+0.5%
Columbia	\$999.67	\$988.19	\$880.72	+\$11.48	+1.2%	+\$118.95	+13.5%
Florence	\$740.23	\$726.95	\$755.17	+\$13.28	+1.8%	-\$14.94	-2.0%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$1,117.31	\$1,122.98	\$1,109.20	-\$5.67	-0.5%	+\$8.11	+0.7%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$755.57	\$752.25	\$814.46	+\$3.32	+0.4%	-\$58.89	-7.2%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$849.06	\$840.41	\$827.54	+\$8.65	+1.0%	+\$21.52	+2.6%
Spartanburg	\$955.98	\$956.74	\$906.78	-\$0.76	-0.1%	+\$49.20	+5.4%
Sumter	\$928.20	\$899.46	\$710.65	+\$28.74	+3.2%	+\$217.55	+30.6%

## AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

AREA	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	33.7	33.3	34.2	+0.4	+1.2%	-0.5	-1.5%
Columbia	34.2	33.9	33.9	+0.3	+0.9%	+0.3	+0.9%
Florence	32.1	31.8	32.3	+0.3	+0.9%	-0.2	-0.6%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	34.4	34.3	35.7	+0.1	+0.3%	-1.3	-3.6%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	29.7	29.5	30.3	+0.2	+0.7%	-0.6	-2.0%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	31.8	31.3	32.8	+0.5	+1.6%	-1.0	-3.0%
Spartanburg	33.9	33.7	34.0	+0.2	+0.6%	-0.1	-0.3%
Sumter	35.0	34.2	32.2	+0.8	+2.3%	+2.8	+8.7%

## AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

AREA	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	32.29	32.7	31.67	-\$0.41	-1.3%	+\$0.62	+2.0%
Columbia	29.23	29.15	25.98	+\$0.08	+0.3%	+\$3.25	+12.5%
Florence	23.06	22.86	23.38	+\$0.20	+0.9%	-\$0.32	-1.4%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	32.48	32.74	31.07	-\$0.26	-0.8%	+\$1.41	+4.5%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	25.44	25.5	26.88	-\$0.06	-0.2%	-\$1.44	-5.4%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	26.7	26.85	25.23	-\$0.15	-0.6%	+\$1.47	+5.8%
Spartanburg	28.2	28.39	26.67	-\$0.19	-0.7%	+\$1.53	+5.7%
Sumter	26.52	26.3	22.07	+\$0.22	+0.8%	+\$4.45	+20.2%

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## NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>1,014.97</b>	<b>1,012.71</b>	<b>992.67</b>	<b>+\$2.26</b>	<b>+0.2%</b>	<b>+\$22.30</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>
Goods Producing	1,291.11	1,294.62	1,266.49	-\$3.51	-0.3%	+\$24.62	+1.9%
Construction	945.76	944	925.65	+\$1.76	+0.2%	+\$20.11	+2.2%
Manufacturing	1,291.04	1,267.13	1,192.99	+\$23.91	+1.9%	+\$98.05	+8.2%
Private Service Providing	1,323.04	1,361.74	1,302.19	-\$38.70	-2.8%	+\$20.85	+1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	847.28	849.2	821.51	-\$1.92	-0.2%	+\$25.77	+3.1%
Financial Activities	1,189.3	1,183.7	1,209.98	+\$5.60	+0.5%	-\$20.68	-1.7%
Professional and Business Services	1,266.52	1,251.26	1,231.02	+\$15.26	+1.2%	+\$35.50	+2.9%
Education and Health Services	1,034.8	1,051.69	978.1	-\$16.89	-1.6%	+\$56.70	+5.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	473.35	456.42	458.3	+\$16.93	+3.7%	+\$15.05	+3.3%
Other Services	998.82	979.96	918.72	+\$18.86	+1.9%	+\$80.10	+8.7%

## AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

INDUSTRY TITLE	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>
Goods Producing	39.8	39.7	41.2	+0.1	+0.3%	-1.4	-3.4%
Construction	32.4	32	33	+0.4	+1.3%	-0.6	-1.8%
Manufacturing	41.3	40.6	40.8	+0.7	+1.7%	+0.5	+1.2%
Private Service Providing	39.6	40.3	41.3	-0.7	-1.7%	-1.7	-4.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	32.5	32.4	32.9	+0.1	+0.3%	-0.4	-1.2%
Financial Activities	37.9	37.2	38.4	+0.7	+1.9%	-0.5	-1.3%
Professional and Business Services	36.7	36.3	37.6	+0.4	+1.1%	-0.9	-2.4%
Education and Health Services	32.5	32.3	32.8	+0.2	+0.6%	-0.3	-0.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	24.2	23.6	24.8	+0.6	+2.5%	-0.6	-2.4%
Other Services	34.3	33.4	34.8	+0.9	+2.7%	-0.5	-1.4%

## AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>29.94</b>	<b>30.23</b>	<b>28.69</b>	<b>-\$0.29</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>+\$1.25</b>	<b>+4.4%</b>
Goods Producing	32.44	32.61	30.74	-\$0.17	-0.5%	+\$1.70	+5.5%
Construction	29.19	29.5	28.05	-\$0.31	-1.1%	+\$1.14	+4.1%
Manufacturing	31.26	31.21	29.24	+\$0.05	+0.2%	+\$2.02	+6.9%
Private Service Providing	33.41	33.79	31.53	-\$0.38	-1.1%	+\$1.88	+6.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26.07	26.21	24.97	-\$0.14	-0.5%	+\$1.10	+4.4%
Financial Activities	31.38	31.82	31.51	-\$0.44	-1.4%	-\$0.13	-0.4%
Professional and Business Services	34.51	34.47	32.74	+\$0.04	+0.1%	+\$1.77	+5.4%
Education and Health Services	31.84	32.56	29.82	-\$0.72	-2.2%	+\$2.02	+6.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	19.56	19.34	18.48	+\$0.22	+1.1%	+\$1.08	+5.8%
Other Services	29.12	29.34	26.4	-\$0.22	-0.7%	+\$2.72	+10.3%



**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**CHARLESTON-NORTH CHARLESTON MSA**  
**FEBRUARY 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>421,700</b>	<b>416,700</b>	<b>404,300</b>	<b>+5,000</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>	<b>+17,400</b>	<b>+4.3%</b>
Total Private	351,200	346,900	337,200	+4,300	+1.2%	+14,000	+4.2%
Goods Producing	56,800	56,100	54,100	+700	+1.2%	+2,700	+5.0%
Service-Providing	364,900	360,600	350,200	+4,300	+1.2%	+14,700	+4.2%
Private Service Providing	294,400	290,800	283,100	+3,600	+1.2%	+11,300	+4.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	23,000	22,700	22,100	+300	+1.3%	+900	+4.1%
Manufacturing	33,800	33,400	32,000	+400	+1.2%	+1,800	+5.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	76,500	76,100	74,700	+400	+0.5%	+1,800	+2.4%
Wholesale Trade	12,900	13,100	12,800	-200	-1.5%	+100	+0.8%
Retail Trade	44,400	44,100	42,700	+300	+0.7%	+1,700	+4.0%
General Merchandise Stores	7,900	7,900	7,700	0	0.0%	+200	+2.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	19,200	18,900	19,200	+300	+1.6%	0	0.0%
Information	7,900	7,900	8,600	0	0.0%	-700	-8.1%
Financial Activities	21,500	21,400	20,200	+100	+0.5%	+1,300	+6.4%
Professional and Business Services	69,100	68,000	66,300	+1,100	+1.6%	+2,800	+4.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	29,100	28,400	28,800	+700	+2.5%	+300	+1.0%
Education and Health Services	49,100	48,500	46,200	+600	+1.2%	+2,900	+6.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	52,900	51,800	51,000	+1,100	+2.1%	+1,900	+3.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	45,900	45,100	45,000	+800	+1.8%	+900	+2.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	38,300	37,500	36,900	+800	+2.1%	+1,400	+3.8%
Other Services	17,400	17,100	16,100	+300	+1.8%	+1,300	+8.1%
Government	70,500	69,800	67,100	+700	+1.0%	+3,400	+5.1%
Federal Government	11,800	11,700	11,700	+100	+0.9%	+100	+0.9%
State Government	28,700	28,300	27,200	+400	+1.4%	+1,500	+5.5%
Local Government	30,000	29,800	28,200	+200	+0.7%	+1,800	+6.4%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**COLUMBIA MSA**  
**FEBRUARY 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>430,400</b>	<b>427,100</b>	<b>419,700</b>	<b>+3,300</b>	<b>+0.8%</b>	<b>+10,700</b>	<b>+2.5%</b>
Total Private	345,900	343,800	337,000	+2,100	+0.6%	+8,900	+2.6%
Goods Producing	50,300	50,100	49,000	+200	+0.4%	+1,300	+2.7%
Service-Providing	380,100	377,000	370,700	+3,100	+0.8%	+9,400	+2.5%
Private Service Providing	295,600	293,700	288,000	+1,900	+0.6%	+7,600	+2.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	18,000	18,000	17,100	0	0.0%	+900	+5.3%
Manufacturing	32,300	32,100	31,900	+200	+0.6%	+400	+1.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	78,000	77,600	78,200	+400	+0.5%	-200	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	16,700	16,800	16,400	-100	-0.6%	+300	+1.8%
Retail Trade	44,200	43,800	44,700	+400	+0.9%	-500	-1.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,100	17,000	17,100	+100	+0.6%	0	0.0%
Information	4,800	4,800	5,200	0	0.0%	-400	-7.7%
Financial Activities	37,700	37,600	36,200	+100	+0.3%	+1,500	+4.1%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	7,500	7,600	7,700	-100	-1.3%	-200	-2.6%
Professional and Business Services	56,900	57,000	56,200	-100	-0.2%	+700	+1.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	29,700	29,500	29,100	+200	+0.7%	+600	+2.1%
Education and Health Services	58,100	57,600	55,000	+500	+0.9%	+3,100	+5.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	41,500	40,700	39,500	+800	+2.0%	+2,000	+5.1%
Food Services and Drinking Places	34,700	34,100	33,300	+600	+1.8%	+1,400	+4.2%
Other Services	18,600	18,400	17,700	+200	+1.1%	+900	+5.1%
Government	84,500	83,300	82,700	+1,200	+1.4%	+1,800	+2.2%
Federal Government	12,100	11,900	11,300	+200	+1.7%	+800	+7.1%
State Government	36,600	35,700	35,400	+900	+2.5%	+1,200	+3.4%
Local Government	35,800	35,700	36,000	+100	+0.3%	-200	-0.6%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**GREENVILLE-ANDERSON-MAULDIN MSA**  
**FEBRUARY 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>463,300</b>	<b>459,600</b>	<b>457,400</b>	<b>+3,700</b>	<b>+0.8%</b>	<b>+5,900</b>	<b>+1.3%</b>
Total Private	401,300	398,800	394,200	+2,500	+0.6%	+7,100	+1.8%
Goods Producing	85,200	85,000	83,500	+200	+0.2%	+1,700	+2.0%
Service-Providing	378,100	374,600	373,900	+3,500	+0.9%	+4,200	+1.1%
Private Service Providing	316,100	313,800	310,700	+2,300	+0.7%	+5,400	+1.7%
Mining, Logging and Construction	22,500	22,500	21,400	0	0.0%	+1,100	+5.1%
Manufacturing	62,700	62,500	62,100	+200	+0.3%	+600	+1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	83,100	83,200	83,100	-100	-0.1%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	20,500	20,800	20,600	-300	-1.4%	-100	-0.5%
Retail Trade	47,800	47,800	48,000	0	0.0%	-200	-0.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	14,800	14,600	14,500	+200	+1.4%	+300	+2.1%
Information	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	22,600	22,600	21,700	0	0.0%	+900	+4.1%
Professional and Business Services	74,900	74,200	76,200	+700	+0.9%	-1,300	-1.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	30,600	30,500	29,300	+100	+0.3%	+1,300	+4.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	6,900	6,900	6,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	37,400	36,800	40,000	+600	+1.6%	-2,600	-6.5%
Education and Health Services	62,600	61,500	58,600	+1,100	+1.8%	+4,000	+6.8%
Educational Services	13,200	12,600	12,600	+600	+4.8%	+600	+4.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	49,400	48,900	46,000	+500	+1.0%	+3,400	+7.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	50,100	49,600	49,100	+500	+1.0%	+1,000	+2.0%
Other Services	16,600	16,500	15,800	+100	+0.6%	+800	+5.1%
Government	62,000	60,800	63,200	+1,200	+2.0%	-1,200	-1.9%
Federal Government	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	-3.2%	0	0.0%
State Government	13,600	12,600	15,200	+1,000	+7.9%	-1,600	-10.5%
Local Government	45,400	45,100	45,000	+300	+0.7%	+400	+0.9%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**MYRTLE BEACH-CONWAY-NORTH MYRTLE BEACH MSA**  
**FEBRUARY 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>192,700</b>	<b>189,900</b>	<b>183,800</b>	<b>+2,800</b>	<b>+1.5%</b>	<b>+8,900</b>	<b>+4.8%</b>
Total Private	166,700	164,400	158,400	+2,300	+1.4%	+8,300	+5.2%
Goods Producing	18,100	17,900	17,400	+200	+1.1%	+700	+4.0%
Service-Providing	174,600	172,000	166,400	+2,600	+1.5%	+8,200	+4.9%
Private Service Providing	148,600	146,500	141,000	+2,100	+1.4%	+7,600	+5.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	12,600	12,500	12,000	+100	+0.8%	+600	+5.0%
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,400	+100	+1.9%	+100	+1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	42,800	42,600	40,600	+200	+0.5%	+2,200	+5.4%
Wholesale Trade	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	0.0%	+100	+2.6%
Retail Trade	33,600	33,400	31,600	+200	+0.6%	+2,000	+6.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	0.0%	+100	+2.0%
Information	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	0.0%	-100	-3.7%
Financial Activities	10,100	10,300	10,100	-200	-1.9%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	20,000	19,800	18,400	+200	+1.0%	+1,600	+8.7%
Education and Health Services	22,700	22,500	21,500	+200	+0.9%	+1,200	+5.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	43,300	41,600	41,000	+1,700	+4.1%	+2,300	+5.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	35,500	34,100	34,900	+1,400	+4.1%	+600	+1.7%
Food Services and Drinking Places	29,400	27,800	27,100	+1,600	+5.8%	+2,300	+8.5%
Other Services	7,100	7,100	6,700	0	0.0%	+400	+6.0%
Government	26,000	25,500	25,400	+500	+2.0%	+600	+2.4%
Federal Government	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	0.0%	+100	+6.7%
State Government	4,400	4,200	4,500	+200	+4.8%	-100	-2.2%
Local Government	20,000	19,700	19,400	+300	+1.5%	+600	+3.1%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**SPARTANBURG MSA**  
**FEBRUARY 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>173,400</b>	<b>172,400</b>	<b>169,200</b>	<b>+1,000</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+4,200</b>	<b>+2.5%</b>
Total Private	144,300	143,500	141,700	+800	+0.6%	+2,600	+1.8%
Goods Producing	47,500	47,300	46,100	+200	+0.4%	+1,400	+3.0%
Service-Providing	125,900	125,100	123,100	+800	+0.6%	+2,800	+2.3%
Private Service Providing	96,800	96,200	95,600	+600	+0.6%	+1,200	+1.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	8,200	8,000	7,300	+200	+2.5%	+900	+12.3%
Manufacturing	39,300	39,300	38,800	0	0.0%	+500	+1.3%
Durable Goods	27,200	27,200	26,600	0	0.0%	+600	+2.3%
Non-Durable Goods	12,100	12,100	12,200	0	0.0%	-100	-0.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	35,600	35,600	35,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	8,000	8,100	8,200	-100	-1.2%	-200	-2.4%
Retail Trade	17,600	17,500	17,200	+100	+0.6%	+400	+2.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,000	10,000	10,300	0	0.0%	-300	-2.9%
Information	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,100	5,100	5,300	0	0.0%	-200	-3.8%
Professional and Business Services	17,000	16,900	17,400	+100	+0.6%	-400	-2.3%
Education and Health Services	16,900	16,800	16,000	+100	+0.6%	+900	+5.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	15,300	15,000	14,600	+300	+2.0%	+700	+4.8%
Other Services	5,900	5,800	5,600	+100	+1.7%	+300	+5.4%
Government	29,100	28,900	27,500	+200	+0.7%	+1,600	+5.8%
Federal Government	700	700	700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	4,000	3,900	4,000	+100	+2.6%	0	0.0%
Local Government	24,400	24,300	22,800	+100	+0.4%	+1,600	+7.0%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR  
FLORENCE MSA  
FEBRUARY 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>96,500</b>	<b>96,300</b>	<b>94,500</b>	<b>+200</b>	<b>+0.2%</b>	<b>+2,000</b>	<b>+2.1%</b>
Total Private	78,500	78,600	77,200	-100	-0.1%	+1,300	+1.7%
Goods Producing	14,800	15,000	15,000	-200	-1.3%	-200	-1.3%
Service-Providing	81,700	81,300	79,500	+400	+0.5%	+2,200	+2.8%
Private Service Providing	63,700	63,600	62,200	+100	+0.2%	+1,500	+2.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	20,100	20,200	20,900	-100	-0.5%	-800	-3.8%
Government	18,000	17,700	17,300	+300	+1.7%	+700	+4.0%
Federal Government	700	700	700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	4,900	4,700	4,700	+200	+4.3%	+200	+4.3%
Local Government	12,400	12,300	11,900	+100	+0.8%	+500	+4.2%

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND-BLUFFTON-BEAUFORT MSA  
FEBRUARY 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>89,500</b>	<b>88,700</b>	<b>85,800</b>	<b>+800</b>	<b>+0.9%</b>	<b>+3,700</b>	<b>+4.3%</b>
Total Private	77,300	76,700	73,900	+600	+0.8%	+3,400	+4.6%
Goods Producing	8,100	8,100	7,700	0	0.0%	+400	+5.2%
Service-Providing	81,400	80,600	78,100	+800	+1.0%	+3,300	+4.2%
Private Service Providing	69,200	68,600	66,200	+600	+0.9%	+3,000	+4.5%
Government	12,200	12,000	11,900	+200	+1.7%	+300	+2.5%

**SUMTER MSA  
FEBRUARY 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	FEBRUARY 2024	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2024		FEBRUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>38,400</b>	<b>38,200</b>	<b>37,800</b>	<b>+200</b>	<b>+0.5%</b>	<b>+600</b>	<b>+1.6%</b>
Total Private	32,400	32,300	31,900	+100	+0.3%	+500	+1.6%
Goods Producing	9,300	9,300	9,200	0	0.0%	+100	+1.1%
Service-Providing	29,100	28,900	28,600	+200	+0.7%	+500	+1.7%
Private Service Providing	23,100	23,000	22,700	+100	+0.4%	+400	+1.8%
Manufacturing	6,600	6,500	6,700	+100	+1.5%	-100	-1.5%
Government	6,000	5,900	5,900	+100	+1.7%	+100	+1.7%
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	+100	+8.3%
State Government	1,300	1,200	1,400	+100	+8.3%	-100	-7.1%
Local Government	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	0.0%	+100	+3.0%

# LONG-RUN TRENDS

## ANNUAL LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS DATA 1976-2023

YEAR	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (PERCENT)	EMPLOYMENT-POPULATION RATIO (PERCENT)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT)
1976	2,007,417	64.7%	60.2%	1,299,241	1,207,662	91,579	7.0%
1977	2,061,250	64.4%	60.0%	1,327,423	1,237,495	89,928	6.8%
1978	2,117,667	64.1%	60.5%	1,356,921	1,281,597	75,324	5.6%
1979	2,169,417	63.4%	60.2%	1,375,201	1,306,773	68,428	5.0%
1980	2,221,250	62.8%	58.6%	1,395,675	1,301,796	93,879	6.7%
1981	2,266,583	63.2%	58.0%	1,432,219	1,314,907	117,312	8.2%
1982	2,307,333	64.2%	57.3%	1,482,373	1,322,883	159,490	10.8%
1983	2,341,083	63.2%	56.9%	1,479,137	1,333,162	145,975	9.9%
1984	2,378,500	62.9%	58.5%	1,495,188	1,391,286	103,902	6.9%
1985	2,426,500	63.8%	59.5%	1,548,924	1,443,612	105,312	6.8%
1986	2,455,333	64.9%	60.7%	1,592,306	1,491,069	101,237	6.4%
1987	2,495,333	65.4%	61.8%	1,631,897	1,542,170	89,727	5.5%
1988	2,533,000	65.6%	62.5%	1,660,533	1,583,928	76,605	4.6%
1989	2,566,000	66.0%	62.9%	1,693,438	1,615,009	78,429	4.6%
1990	2,611,843	66.5%	63.3%	1,737,831	1,652,949	84,882	4.9%
1991	2,663,759	66.3%	62.3%	1,767,123	1,659,196	107,927	6.1%
1992	2,699,745	66.7%	62.2%	1,799,677	1,678,803	120,874	6.7%
1993	2,739,480	66.7%	61.8%	1,826,650	1,693,483	133,167	7.3%
1994	2,775,049	66.4%	62.3%	1,841,428	1,727,714	113,714	6.2%
1995	2,813,952	66.2%	62.8%	1,864,221	1,768,540	95,681	5.1%
1996	2,851,104	66.2%	62.4%	1,886,064	1,779,221	106,843	5.7%
1997	2,897,839	66.3%	63.3%	1,920,244	1,834,337	85,907	4.5%
1998	2,945,825	65.9%	63.5%	1,940,846	1,870,270	70,576	3.6%
1999	2,989,560	65.5%	62.8%	1,958,598	1,877,345	81,253	4.1%

## ANNUAL LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS DATA 1976-2023

YEAR	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (PERCENT)	EMPLOYMENT-POPULATION RATIO (PERCENT)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT)
2000	3,027,367	64.9%	62.5%	1,965,481	1,892,559	72,922	3.7%
2001	3,064,191	63.4%	60.0%	1,941,956	1,839,246	102,710	5.3%
2002	3,098,739	63.1%	59.0%	1,954,548	1,828,735	125,813	6.4%
2003	3,133,915	63.8%	59.2%	1,999,485	1,855,599	143,886	7.2%
2004	3,178,645	64.3%	59.5%	2,043,864	1,891,722	152,142	7.4%
2005	3,234,049	64.0%	59.4%	2,071,111	1,919,644	151,467	7.3%
2006	3,305,437	65.0%	60.5%	2,148,698	2,001,245	147,453	6.9%
2007	3,374,548	63.9%	60.0%	2,155,198	2,024,493	130,705	6.1%
2008	3,439,974	62.8%	58.2%	2,160,084	2,002,903	157,181	7.3%
2009	3,490,448	62.1%	55.0%	2,166,737	1,919,307	247,430	11.4%
2010	3,564,619	61.0%	54.1%	2,174,535	1,928,442	246,093	11.3%
2011	3,612,048	60.5%	54.2%	2,185,171	1,957,493	227,678	10.4%
2012	3,655,515	59.9%	54.5%	2,190,203	1,992,957	197,246	9.0%
2013	3,704,281	59.3%	54.9%	2,197,876	2,034,404	163,472	7.4%
2014	3,759,002	59.1%	55.4%	2,222,426	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%
2015	3,822,409	59.3%	55.8%	2,267,837	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%
2016	3,888,005	58.8%	55.9%	2,286,054	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%
2017	3,897,645	58.0%	55.6%	2,261,766	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%
2018	3,948,448	57.8%	55.9%	2,282,022	2,205,356	76,666	3.4%
2019	4,002,601	58.3%	56.7%	2,333,533	2,268,884	64,649	2.8%
2020	4,050,504	57.7%	54.3%	2,339,140	2,199,751	139,389	6.0%
2021	4,109,008	57.4%	55.2%	2,359,169	2,266,611	92,558	3.9%
2022	4,188,402	57.1%	55.3%	2,393,329	2,316,435	76,894	3.2%
2023	4,274,977	57.4%	55.7%	2,453,060	2,380,392	72,668	3.0%



# LONG-RUN TRENDS

## ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL 1939-2023

YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT
1939	310,100	1961	587,000	1983	1,189,000	2005	1,862,900
1940	328,600	1962	609,800	1984	1,262,500	2006	1,905,700
1941	387,500	1963	630,600	1985	1,296,200	2007	1,945,000
1942	416,500	1964	651,500	1986	1,338,000	2008	1,926,300
1943	428,500	1965	686,000	1987	1,392,200	2009	1,814,400
1944	408,600	1966	734,900	1988	1,449,000	2010	1,811,300
1945	396,000	1967	754,500	1989	1,499,700	2011	1,832,500
1946	411,600	1968	782,900	1990	1,527,600	2012	1,864,300
1947	436,200	1969	819,800	1991	1,497,300	2013	1,901,000
1948	456,400	1970	842,000	1992	1,511,800	2014	1,951,300
1949	443,100	1971	862,600	1993	1,553,000	2015	2,006,700
1950	461,400	1972	920,300	1994	1,592,000	2016	2,055,300
1951	505,800	1973	984,000	1995	1,636,300	2017	2,096,100
1952	544,300	1974	1,015,800	1996	1,669,400	2018	2,154,800
1953	543,900	1975	982,600	1997	1,718,800	2019	2,189,600
1954	519,700	1976	1,038,100	1998	1,779,800	2020	2,082,300
1955	533,000	1977	1,081,700	1999	1,826,300	2021	2,154,000
1956	542,900	1978	1,137,500	2000	1,854,000	2022	2,242,900
1957	545,000	1979	1,176,000	2001	1,814,800	2023	2,305,800
1958	545,900	1980	1,188,800	2002	1,795,400		
1959	566,900	1981	1,196,500	2003	1,799,100		
1960	582,500	1982	1,162,300	2004	1,826,600		

**ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL**  
2007-2023

	<i>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</i>	<i>AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS</i>	<i>AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS</i>
2007	\$675.36	36.0	\$18.76
2008	\$669.28	35.6	\$18.80
2009	\$665.55	34.7	\$19.18
2010	\$692.17	34.8	\$19.89
2011	\$716.18	34.8	\$20.58
2012	\$705.16	35.1	\$20.09
2013	\$716.15	34.9	\$20.52
2014	\$726.23	34.5	\$21.05
2015	\$743.27	34.7	\$21.42
2016	\$762.80	34.5	\$22.11
2017	\$791.99	34.6	\$22.89
2018	\$829.36	34.6	\$23.97
2019	\$852.84	34.5	\$24.72
2020	\$888.31	34.1	\$26.05
2021	\$925.41	34.3	\$26.98
2022	\$972.90	34.5	\$28.20
2023	\$1,014.59	34.3	\$29.58

# TECHNICAL NOTES

- Household Survey:** Nationally, there is a monthly Current Population Survey of about 60,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to determine employment status of the civilian population. This information, along with other inputs, is used by DEW to operate the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, which estimates the number of individuals employed and those not employed, but actively seeking employment for statewide and a variety of sub-state geographies.
- Employer Survey:** BLS conducts a monthly Current Employment Statistics survey of about 44,000 employers which yields national estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment, hours, and earnings by industry. This data is processed by DEW to generate comparable data for the state and its metropolitan statistical areas.
- Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.
- Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from this data.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (CES)	LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (LAUS)
Data is published by <b>Industry</b>	Data is published by <b>County</b>
Counts <b>Jobs</b>	Counts <b>People</b>
Utilizes an <b>Establishment Survey</b>	The Current Population Survey (CPS), which is a <b>Household Survey</b> , is used to calculate LAUS
Reference week is the <b>Pay Period</b> that includes the 12 <sup>th</sup> of the month	Reference week is the <b>Calendar Week</b> that includes the 12 <sup>th</sup> of the month
A job held by a person on unpaid leave during the reference week <b>is not counted</b> since they are not receiving pay	A person on unpaid leave <b>is counted</b> as employed because they will return to their job
<b>Does not count</b> self-employed workers	<b>Does</b> count self-employed workers
<b>Does not include</b> agricultural workers	<b>Includes</b> both agricultural and non-agricultural workers
<b>Does not count</b> unpaid family workers	<b>Counts</b> unpaid family workers if they worked at least 15 unpaid hours for a family business or family farm during the reference week
Workers on strike during the entire reference period <b>are not counted</b>	Workers on strike during the reference week <b>are counted</b> as employed in LAUS





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